



**Advisory Committee on
International Postal and Delivery Services**

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Resolution C 18/2008

Classification of countries and territories for terminal dues and Quality of Service Fund (QSF) purposes

Congress,

Having adopted
the provisions of the Union's new terminal dues system,

Considering
that Bucharest Congress resolution C 13/2004 instructed the Council of Administration to establish an acceptable system for the classification of countries,

Having observed
that the need for preferential terminal dues rates decreases with the country-specific potential to self-finance postal development and increases with the country-specific difficulties in serving the postal territory and with the postal service level provided,

Noting
that the gross national income per capita reflects the potential to self-finance postal development and that the average costs per letter reflect the difficulties in serving the postal territory,

Bearing in mind
that the special needs of small countries/territories, i.e. small island developing countries/territories and land-locked countries/territories in similar circumstances, have to be fully taken into consideration,

Recognizing
the special needs of least developed countries for preferential treatment,

Decides

- to endorse the methodology for the classification of countries in five groups, as described in CONGRÈS-Doc 19.Rev 1.Annexes 1 and 2, subject to the following adjustments:
 - the maximum value of the postal development indicator (PDI) in Group 5, used for purposes of classification in Group 4, should not include the highest PDI value of countries found to be eligible for graduation from the list of least developed countries (LDCs) prepared by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNECOSOC);

- paragraph 24 in CONGRÈS–Doc 19.Rev 1. Annex 2 should be deleted so that countries are not assigned to a different group solely on the basis of not having provided tariff data for purposes of classification;
- to adopt a four-year classification cycle as of 2010;
- on the classification of countries in five groups for terminal dues and quality of service fund purposes, as shown in the lists in Annex 1. The provisions concerning terminal dues rates and levels of contribution and access to QSF funds are specified in the Convention,

Authorizes

the Council of Administration to decide on the temporary downward reclassification of countries due to war or extremely severe economic crisis.

(Proposal 86, Committee 5, 2nd meeting)

Group 1.1

List of countries and territories that were in the target system prior to 2010, that apply the target terminal dues system during the period from 2010 to 2013, and that contribute to the Quality of Service Fund as provided for in article 31 of the Convention

<i>Countries and territories</i>	<i>PDI value</i>
Australia	0.403
– Norfolk Island	—*
Austria	0.623
Belgium	0.594
Canada	0.418
Denmark	0.751
– Farøe Islands	—*
– Greenland	0.294
Finland	0.599
France	0.558
French Overseas Territories coming within the Union's jurisdiction by virtue of article 23 of the Constitution:	
– French Polynesia	0.347
– New Caledonia	0.230
– Wallis and Futuna Islands	0.041
Germany	0.635
Great Britain:	
– United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0.609
– Guernsey	0.585
– Isle of Man	0.599
– Jersey	0.777
Overseas Territories (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland):	
– Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	0.264
– Gibraltar	0.535
– Pitcairn Islands	—*
– Tristan da Cunha	—*
Greece	0.331
Iceland	0.565
Ireland	0.579
Israel	0.311
Italy	0.420
Japan	0.548
Liechtenstein	0.901
Luxembourg	0.937
Monaco	0.551
Netherlands	0.641
New Zealand	0.355
Norway	0.897
Portugal	0.289

* These countries and territories have been classified based on their previous status as target countries and territories and not on their PDI value, due to the unavailability of data.

<i>Countries and territories</i>	<i>PDI value</i>
San Marino	0.684
Spain	0.373
Sweden	0.582
Switzerland	0.853
United States of America	0.648
Vatican	—*

Group 1.2

List of countries and territories that were in the transition system prior to 2010, that apply the target terminal dues system during the period from 2010 to 2013, and that contribute to the Quality of Service Fund as provided for in article 31 of the Convention

<i>Countries and territories</i>	<i>PDI value</i>
Bahamas	0.319
Hong Kong, China	0.428
Overseas Territories (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland):	
– Anguilla	0.326
– Bermuda	0.724
– British Virgin Islands	0.714
– Cayman Islands	0.789
– Turks and Caicos Islands	0.341
Kuwait	0.364
Aruba	0.354
Qatar	0.572
Singapore	0.432
Slovenia	0.387
United Arab Emirates	0.389

Group 2

List of countries and territories that apply the transition terminal dues system in 2010 and 2011 and the target terminal dues system in 2012 and 2013, that benefit from and contribute to the Quality of Service Fund as provided for in article 31 of the Convention

<i>Countries and territories</i>	<i>PDI value</i>
Antigua and Barbuda	0.169
Bahrain (Kingdom)	0.248
Barbados	0.225
Brunei Darussalam	0.316
Macao, China	0.277
Croatia	0.163
Cyprus	0.298
Czech Rep.	0.286
Dominica	0.147
Estonia	0.235

<i>Countries and territories</i>	<i>PDI value</i>
Fiji	0.150
Overseas Territories (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland):	
– Montserrat	0.142
Grenada	0.175
Hungary (Rep.)	0.220
Korea (Rep.)	0.281
Malta	0.280
Netherlands Antilles	0.242
Territory under New Zealand:	
– Cook Islands	0.191
Poland	0.140
Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis	0.155
Saudi Arabia	0.155
Slovakia	0.173
Trinidad and Tobago	0.161

Group 3

List of countries and territories that apply the transition terminal dues system during the period from 2010 to 2013, that benefit from and contribute to the Quality of Service Fund as provided for in article 31 of the Convention

<i>Countries and territories</i>	<i>PDI value</i>
Argentina	0.058
Belarus	0.073
Belize	0.046
Botswana	0.060
Brazil	0.079
Bulgaria (Rep.)	0.057
Chile	0.081
China (People's Rep.)	0.060
Costa Rica	0.064
Cuba	0.049
Gabon	0.056
Jamaica	0.109
Latvia	0.134
Lebanon	0.061
Libyan Jamahiriya	0.076
Lithuania	0.122
Malaysia	0.101
Mauritius	0.097
Mexico	0.088
Montenegro	0.063
Nauru	0.108
Oman	0.126

<i>Countries and territories</i>	<i>PDI value</i>
Panama (Rep.)	0.060
Romania	0.076
Russian Federation	0.069
Saint Lucia	0.094
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.056
Serbia	0.067
Seychelles	0.119
South Africa	0.066
Swaziland	0.046
Thailand	0.057
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.047
Tonga	0.059
Turkey	0.069
Ukraine	0.050
Uruguay	0.058
Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep.)	0.065

Group 4

List of countries and territories that apply the transition terminal dues system during the period from 2010 to 2013, that benefit from and contribute to the Quality of Service Fund as provided for in article 31 of the Convention

<i>Countries and territories</i>	<i>PDI value</i>
Albania	0.032
Algeria	0.035
Armenia	0.021
Azerbaijan	0.020
Bolivia	0.011
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.045
Cameroon	0.011
Cape Verde	0.024
Colombia	0.033
Congo (Rep.)	0.010
Côte d'Ivoire (Rep.)	0.012
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	0.014
Dominican Republic	0.030
Ecuador	0.031
Egypt	0.016
El Salvador	0.029
Georgia	0.016
Ghana	0.015
Overseas Territories (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland):	
– Ascension	0.033
– St. Helena	0.029

<i>Countries and territories</i>	<i>PDI value</i>
Guatemala	0.029
Guyana	0.013
Honduras (Rep.)	0.013
India	0.015
Indonesia	0.020
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	0.040
Iraq	0.017
Jordan	0.032
Kazakhstan	0.042
Kenya	0.011
Kyrgyzstan	0.007
Moldova	0.018
Mongolia	0.010
Morocco	0.032
Namibia	0.037
Nicaragua	0.011
Nigeria	0.006
Territories under New Zealand:	
– Niue	0.041
– Tokelau	0.018
Pakistan	0.011
Papua New Guinea	0.009
Paraguay	0.014
Peru	0.031
Philippines	0.017
Sri Lanka	0.034
Suriname	0.044
Syrian Arab Rep.	0.016
Tajikistan	0.017
Tunisia	0.043
Turkmenistan	0.016
Territory of the United States of America:	
– Samoa	0.040
Uzbekistan	0.008
Viet Nam	0.015
Zimbabwe	0.006

Group 5

List of countries and territories that apply the transition terminal dues system during the period from 2010 to 2013 and that benefit from the Quality of Service Fund as provided for in article 31 of the Convention

<i>Countries and territories</i>	<i>PDI value</i>
Afghanistan	0.002
Angola	0.020

<i>Countries and territories</i>	<i>PDI value</i>
Bangladesh	0.006
Benin	0.007
Bhutan	0.016
Burkina Faso	0.004
Burundi	0.001
Cambodia	0.004
Central African Rep.	0.003
Chad	0.004
Comoros	0.009
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.000
Djibouti	0.011
Equatorial Guinea	0.095
Eritrea	0.002
Ethiopia	0.002
Gambia	0.002
Guinea	0.004
Guinea-Bissau	0.002
Haiti	0.004
Kiribati	0.014
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	0.004
Lesotho	0.012
Liberia	0.001
Madagascar	0.003
Malawi	0.007
Maldives	0.033
Mali	0.004
Mauritania	0.007
Mozambique	0.003
Myanmar	0.007
Nepal	0.006
Niger	0.002
Rwanda	0.005
Samoa	0.029
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	0.013
Senegal	0.008
Sierra Leone	0.002
Solomon Islands	0.008
Somalia	0.002
Sudan	0.007
Tanzania (United Rep.)	0.005
Timor-Leste (Dem. Rep.)	0.021
Togo	0.006
Tuvalu	0.041
Uganda	0.004
Vanuatu	0.018
Yemen	0.007
Zambia	0.007